



Outdoor Report

The week of March 18, 2013



- ❖ Several calls are **still** being placed to the office about anglers leaving Northern Pike on the ice on multiple lakes. Sportsmen are expressing **great** concern of the wanton waste going on. Remember, this is **against the law** and citations **will** be issued accordingly. If you see this kind of activity please call the TIPS Hotline at 1-888-OVERBAG. If you do not want the fish, **immediately** release them back into the water.
- ❖ No person may chase, drive, harass, kill, or attempt to kill any coyote with or from a snowmobile, except that coyotes may be taken by a landowner or lessee on the landowner's property by shooting from stationary snowmobiles. **It is illegal to operate a snowmobile on Game Production Areas (GPA) and Waterfowl Production Areas (WPA)**
- ❖ **Game Fish Spearing season ended on Friday, March 15, 2013.**

Brown County

Nick Cochran/Tim McCurdy



Fishing Report:

Richmond Lake: Anglers have been catching a bluegill and a few walleye. Make sure you bring your measuring device due to some of the walleye being under the 15" minimum. Access is limited due to snow.

Elm Lake: Anglers are catching a bit of everything to include northern pike, walleye, crappie, and perch. The bite has been pretty slow and nothing consistent. Best access is by the dam.

Willow Dam: No activity observed. **Anglers are reminded that no motor vehicles can be used on Willow Dam.**

James River/Elm River: No fishing activity observed.



Hunting Report:

A few **Canada geese** have been observed in the area the past couple weeks. No **snow geese** observed in the county. Snow cover is still extensive.

Clark County

Kyle Lenzner



Fishing Report:

Travel on lakes is tough. Fishermen are reminded that ice thickness can vary across a given body of water and to use **caution when out on the ice.**

Dry Lake #2: Fishermen are catching some nice Walleye at times.

Dry Lake #1: Fishermen are finding a few nice sized Walleye.

Swan Lake: Fishermen are finding a few Walleye and some nice Perch.

Baileys Lake: No activity.

Antelope Lake: No activity.

Reid Lake: Fishermen are finding a few perch and Walleye.

Kasey's Slough: Little activity.

Pepper Slough: Little activity.

Mankey's Slough: Fishermen are finding a few Perch.

Carson's Slough: Little activity.

Indian Springs: Fishermen are finding a few Northern Pike, Perch, and Walleye.

Codington County

Tait Anderson/Bryce McVicker



Fishing Report:

The fishing season is closed Mar. 1-Apr. 19 in the following areas: The creek between Punished Woman and Round lakes and all creeks, streams, and rivers, permanent or temporary on state owned game production areas adjacent to both lakes.

Lake Kampeska: No report.

Pelican Lake: A few perch and the northern pike are still biting; a few walleye are being caught towards evening.

Goose Lake: A few walleye late, but pretty slow overall.

Long Lake: A few walleye and perch, difficult navigating through the snow with vehicles.

Dry Lake: A decent walleye bite at times. Most guys are reporting a few Pike too.

Grass Lake: No report

Punished Woman: No report



Hunting Report:

No light geese reported in the area yet.

Coyote numbers are good in the area.

Day County

Bob Losco/Blake Yonke



Fishing Report:

Fishing pressure has decreased due to the weather conditions. The majority of accesses onto the lakes are blown in with snow. Snowmobiles, tracked 4-wheelers, and walking are the only means of travel onto most lakes. Bitter Lake has plowed lanes on the lake for some vehicle access. There are about 26 to 30 inches of ice on the lakes with about a foot of snow on top of the ice.

Bitter: Anglers are catching a decent number of perch 12 to 14 inches and a few small walleye.

Waubay: Anglers are catching some perch.

Reetz: no report

Antelope: Anglers are catching a few northern pike.

Lynn: no report

Pickerel: no report

Enemy: no report

Horseshoe: no report

Blue Dog: no report

Deuel County

Adam Behnke



Fishing Report:

Lake Alice: Little to no activity.

The aerator is on the north side of the lake near the boat ramp.

Bullhead Lake: No activity.

Round Lake: No activity.

Lake Oliver: Some small perch being caught.

School Lake: No activity.

Fish Lake: Small perch and northern pike are being caught.

The aerator is on the south side of the lake near the boat ramp. Be cautious when going on the lake!

Lake Francis: No activity.

Lake Cochrane: The crappie bite has slowed down a bit, but anglers are still having some success in the evening hours. Anglers are also catching the occasional perch and bluegill.

Clear Lake: Anglers have been catching a few walleye in the evening hours.

The aerator is located on the northeast side of the lake near the city park. Use caution on the lake.

Faulk County

Joe Galbraith



Fishing Report:

Faulkton Lake: Little pressure

Cresbard Dam: Little pressure

Scatterwood Lake: Fishing is slow and access is not good. Ice conditions are not bad. A few walleye and northern pike are still being caught.

Rest of area is slow.

Grant County

Jamie Pekelder



Fishing Report:

Big Stone Lake: Still having some access issues here and there, but there has been 4 wheel drive vehicles making trails here and there. Fishermen are still having good luck catching fair numbers of perch. Size quality seems to be a little better as you go north on the lake. Reminder the walleye, northern pike, largemouth bass and smallmouth bass season is closed through April 19.

Summit Lake: no activity

Hunter Quarry: no activity

Hamlin County

Adam Behnke



Fishing Report:

Lake Poinsett: Fishing has been average as of late. Anglers have been catching a few walleye and perch

As a reminder, there is a minimum length limit for walleye of 15 inches.

Lake Albert: Anglers are catching some northern pike and occasional walleye.

Lake Mary: No activity.

Lake John: No activity.

Lake Norden: No activity.

Clear Lake: Anglers are catching smaller walleye in the late afternoon with an occasional perch.

Fedt Slough: Very little activity.

Three Buck Slough: Very little activity.

Marshall County

Casey Dowler



Fishing Report:

Deep snow and slush has made travel difficult on all area lakes. The best way to get around on area lakes is with a snowmobile or other tracked vehicle.

White Lake: No activity

West Stink Lake: No Activity

Piyas Lake: No Activity.

Opitz Lake: No Activity

Roy Lake: Perch bite has slowed a bit. Access is getting tougher to get on the lake. Be careful of slush spots.

South Buffalo: A few Northerns are being caught in the mornings and evenings.

Good luck!



Hunting Report:

A few Canada Geese have been seen in the county, but no Snow Geese to report as of yet.

McPherson & Edmunds Counties

Joe Galbraith



Fishing Report:

Eureka Lake: Anglers are picking up a few perch and walleye on the west lake. The east lake is half open and some have been fishing the open water.

Long Lake: Little activity, ice is still good.

Mina Lake: Little pressure.

Scatterwood Lake: Fishing is slow and access is not good. Ice conditions are not bad. A few walleye and northern pike are still being caught.

Rest of area is slow.

Roberts County

Dean Shultz



Fishing Report:

Lake Traverse: Anglers are finding some white bass. A reminder: the walleye, northern pike, largemouth and smallmouth bass season is closed from March 1st through April 19th.

Dry Wood Lake: Anglers are finding decent sized northern pike.

Hurricane Lake: Anglers are finding some perch, but they are running on the smaller side. Some northern pike being caught and speared, but they are running small as well. **Be careful of ice chunks lying on the ice from the holes spear fishermen are cutting out.**



Hunting Report:

No light geese in the county yet.

Spink County

Nick Cochran



Fishing Report:

Twin and Mud Lakes: Anglers have been catching walleye and crappies. The walleye that are being caught are between 15-17 inches. The snow is making it difficult to move around and gain access to the lake.

Redfield Lake: No fishing activity.

Cottonwood Lake: Anglers are catching walleye and northern pike. Anglers are catching northern pike in the 3-10 pound range. The walleye bite seems to be more of an evening bite. The snow is making it difficult to access parts of the lake.

James River: No fishing activity.



Hunting Report:

Coyote: Good numbers of coyotes in the area.

Geese: Some Canada geese starting to show up in the county. No snow geese observed in the county yet.

